

Our hospitals and ICU's continue to hit devastating capacity numbers, leaving our medical staff with longer hours and hectic shifts with not much time to sit down for a refueling meal. Additionally, our small businesses have been particularly hard hit with less opportunities for patronship. In an effort to combine both of these prevalent issues, Syndee gathered funds from neighbors and friends, and so far, with the help of nearly 250 donations equaling more than \$13,000, her volunteers have helped support 23 San Diego and North County locally-owned and franchised restaurants.

The pandemic has shown us how valuable and vital community is for getting through this trying time in our country. I am incredibly thankful for residents like Syndee who have the heart and drive to rise to the occasion on the behalf of CA-49. As we continue working through this unprecedented time, it's critical that we find inspiration in our friends and neighbors all around us. I am deeply grateful for Syndee bringing that hope to our cherished entrepreneurs, small businesses and health care staff, and I am honored to recognize her as my Constituent of the Month.

WILLIAM (PETER) W. GRANT, III

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William (Peter) W. Grant, III, who passed away surrounded by family on December 12, 2020.

Peter was born in New York to W.W. Grant III (Bill) and Katherine (Kocie) O'Connor in 1932. He attended Phillips Academy, Andover

MA and Yale University, graduating with a degree in English. While at Yale, he met Rhondda Lowery and they were married in 1955. They moved to New York City where he had started his career at Bankers Trust Company in 1954. Together they moved to his parents' hometown of Denver in 1958. He attended Harvard University's two summers-long Advanced Management Program in the mid '70s, widening his ever-growing circle of friends and associates worldwide.

A nearly lifelong Colorado resident, he retired in 1993 from his position as Chairman of the Colorado National Bank of Denver and Colorado National Bancshares after a 35-year career there. He rose from bond trader to President and Chairman, over years that brought a multitude of changes in banking from a single branch to holding companies; the addition of a credit card issuer (Rocky Mountain BankCard); interstate banking and finally a sale to First Bank Systems (now USBank) in 1993.

His second career as a devoted philanthropist and advisor spanned over many years. He was a Director of Plains Petroleum and Barrett Resources. He served on, often chairing, the Boards of The Gates (rubber) Family Foundation, The Denver Museum of Nature and Science (formerly the Denver Museum of Natural History), The Nature Conservancy of Colorado, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Episcopal Church Foundation, Four Mile Historic Park, the Rocky Mountain Conservancy (formerly the Rocky Mountain Nature Association), the Illif School of Theology, the Midwest Research Institute, Colorado Energy Science Center, KRMA-TV, Channel Six, as well as an active vestryman and Senior Warden for St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (of Denver). He was active in the Andover Alumni Association and funded a scholarship.

With his wife of 65 years, Rhondda, they supported the Smithsonian American History Museum providing lead funding on the Jefferson Bible conservation and printing and the Abraham Lincoln exhibit at the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery. They have been significantly involved in the Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine, supporting the Gates Summer Internship Program as well as other initiatives in stem cell research there. Most recently, they were one of three sponsors of the Denver presentation of American Democracy: a Great Leap of Faith developed by the National Museum of American History and currently on exhibit at the History of Colorado Center. He stood with integrity, honesty, intelligence and admirable devotion to his large Grant family and his friends with a great sense of humor.

Peter was a long-time steward of Grant family interests in Colorado properties. His father Bill initiated development of their parents farm property southwest of Denver in the early '80s. Peter and two other family branch representatives entered into a partnership with Jordan Perlmutter to develop a number of shopping centers at the sites. One family branch resides in England; Peter was instrumental in persuading British Airways to open daily direct service to Denver. The Grant Family managing "Senior Committee" which he developed, survives today as a model of family investment and stewardship now serving and benefiting the 4th, 5th and 6th generations.

Peter was a devoted fan of the Colorado Rockies, both the hockey team (now the New Jersey Devils) and his beloved baseball team. He is survived by his wife Rhondda, their three daughters: Hallidie Haid (Don), Deirdre Mercurio (Jim) and Liza Grant, as well as six grandchildren: Relly, Wes, Marielle, MacKenzie, Patrick and Caleigh. I appreciate his lifetime service to our community.